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WI FI AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to introduce Wi-Fi services in all the trains and railway stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which this service is likely to be provided ; and

(d) the details of the stations where Wi-Fi services have already been provided in trains and railway stations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): No, Madam. Railways propose to introduce Wi-Fi services only in select trains and A1 & A category stations (total 400 nos) in the country.

(b): (i) Wi-Fi facility in 3 rakes of Howrah Rajdhani Express has been provided as a pilot project and Railway further proposes to provide this facility in select trains (Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duranto Category). This facility will be provided selecting suitable technology for continuous connectivity with the world wide web when the train is on move.

(ii) Presently, provision of Wi-Fi facility at A1 category stations (75 nos.) is in progress.

(c): (i) Wi-Fi facility in 3 rakes of Howrah Rajdhani Express has already been commissioned. Provision of Wi-Fi Broadband facility in other select trains involves bandwidth from Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and modification in Power Cars to house satellite antenna and associated equipments. It will take 18-24 months for completion, subject to availability of funds.

(ii) Wi-Fi at Bengaluru station has been commissioned in October 2014. For the balance A1 category stations, work is in progress and is likely to be commissioned in the next 12 months and subsequently work in A category stations will be taken up.

(d): (i) Wi-Fi service has been commissioned in 3 rakes of 12301/12302 Howrah Rajdhani Express as a pilot project.

(ii) Wi-Fi service has been commissioned at Bengaluru station in October 2014.